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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: July 28, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

**Subject: REPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 15, 2004.**

A meeting of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee was held on June 15, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room. Commissioners in attendance: Matti Herrera Bower, Saul Gross, Richard L. Steinberg, and Luis R. Garcia, Jr. City staff in attendance: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager; Christina M. Cuervo, Assistant City Manager; Raul Aguila, First Assistant City Attorney; Vivian Guzman, Neighborhood Services Director; Ronnie Singer, Community Information Manager – CIP; and Max Sklar, Cultural Affairs and Tourism Assistant Director. Others in attendance are listed in the attached sign-in sheet.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE A CITY-OWNED PROPERTY (MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT NO. 4D) LOCATED AT 1625 WEST AVENUE FOR A VACANT LOT OWNED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY LOCATED AT 1231-1251 17TH STREET.**

ACTION: The Committee moved to direct the Administration to enter into discussions with the Housing Authority including a careful overview of the parking situation in the neighborhood and return to the Committee for further discussion with options and recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES:**

- A. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 102 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "TAXATION"; AMENDING DIVISION IV THEREIN, ENTITLED "TAX"; AMENDING ARTICLE V THEREIN, ENTITLED "OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX"; AMENDING SECTION 102-379 THEREIN, ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF TAXES"; SAID AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR A FIVE PERCENT DISCOUNT TOWARD A SUBSEQUENT YEAR'S OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE IF THE LICENSEE RECEIVES NO CODE VIOLATIONS DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**

- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 98-166 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED: "DUTY TO MAINTAIN SIDEWALKS AND SWALE AREAS" BY PROVIDING A MINIMUM STANDARD OF SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE BY EVERY MERCHANT, STORE KEEPER OR OPERATOR OF A BUSINESS; SAID STANDARD BEING TO SWEEP THE SIDEWALK AT THE OPENING AND CLOSE OF THE BUSINESS DAY.

ACTION: The Committee moved to discontinue discussion on these items.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE PLACEMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE HONORING FORMER MAYOR MEL RICHARDS.

ACTION: The Committee moved to approve this item and bring it to a meeting of the full Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USE OF CHANNEL 20 TO BROADCAST PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Commissioner Garcia requested to discuss the status of this item and why it was not part of today's agenda.

ACTION: The Committee moved to have the Administration draft an LTC regarding the status of the item, detailing what the Administration has or has not done. If it is determined the item is to come back to the Committee, it is to come back with proposed standards.

JMG/RCM/VPG/rfm

